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ICE ARRESTS FUGITIVE FROM MEXICO

Illegal alien is wanted in Mexico for tax evasion and questioning regarding a homicide

HOUSTON — An illegal alien from Mexico, wanted for tax evasion and for questioning in the homicide of a Mexican reporter, was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents Saturday at a residence here in the 700 block of Bering Dr.

Jesus Rojas-Lopez, 41, is wanted in Mexico for questioning regarding the murder of Veracruz, Mexico, journalist Raul Gibb Guerrero, in addition to tax evasion charges. Interpol and the Agencia Federal de Investigaciones (AFI) had been looking for Rojas-Lopez for several months now.

Interpol and AFI informed ICE that Rojas-Lopez was in the Houston area. ICE agents located and arrested Rojas-Lopez on immigration violations.

“This arrest reinforces our continued commitment to work with law enforcement agencies in the United States and in Mexico,” said Bob Rutt, ICE’s special agent-in-charge. “We will not allow fugitives to hide in our communities to avoid prosecution for crimes committed in other countries.”

Rojas-Lopez remains in ICE custody and has been placed into removal proceedings for being in the U.S. illegally. He will be turned over to the Mexican authorities to face criminal charges for tax evasion and for possible participation in the homicide.

Last year, ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations deported over 6,188 criminal aliens from the Houston area. Another 4,578 removals involved individuals illegally in the country.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.